

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION  
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE  
NO. 02-466, JUDGE JOHN RENKE, III

SC03-1846

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**MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE OF THE**  
**JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**FINAL HEARING**

COMES NOW, the Honorable John Renke, III, by and through his undersigned counsel, and files this his Motion to Transfer the Venue of the Final Hearing from the New Port Richey Courthouse in Pasco County, Florida to the Criminal Justice Center in Pinellas County, Florida and states in support the following information:

1. On May 19, 2005, the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Prehearing Conference, compelling the Judge to attend the final evidentiary hearing before the Judicial Qualifications Commission Hearing Panel.
2. Pursuant to the Order Scheduling Hearing and Prehearing Conference, the final hearing will be conducted in Courtroom C in the New Port Richey Courthouse, located at 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey Florida in Pasco County.

3. The New Port Richey Courthouse and the Criminal Justice Center are both located in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. Thus, the change in location of the final hearing to a different courthouse within the same Circuit will not effect any interest regarding proper venue.
4. In this case, transferring the final hearing to a different courthouse within the same judicial circuit will benefit the interests of the parties, as the facilities at the Criminal Justice Center are newer, larger and significantly closer to the Tampa International Airport. Thus, all participants in this proceeding will benefit from the requested move.

WHEREFORE and by reason of the foregoing, the undersigned respectfully requests the Hearing Panel to transfer the final hearing to the Criminal Justice Center located at 14250 49<sup>th</sup> Street North, Clearwater, Florida 33762 in Pinellas County for the benefit of all concerned.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2005, the original of the foregoing Motion to Transfer Venue of the Judicial Qualifications Commission Final Hearing has been furnished by electronic transmission via [e-file@flcourts.org](mailto:e-file@flcourts.org) and furnished by FedEx overnight delivery to: Honorable Thomas D. Hall, Clerk, Supreme Court of Florida, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927; and true and

correct copies have been furnished by regular U.S. Mail to Marvin E. Barkin, Esquire, and Michael K. Green, Esquire, Special Counsel, 2700 Bank of America Plaza, 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, P. O. Box 1102, Tampa, Florida 33601-1102; Ms. Brooke S. Kennerly, Executive Director, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, 1110 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303; John R. Beranek, Esquire, Counsel to the Hearing Panel, P.O. Box 391, Tallahassee, Florida 32302; and Thomas C. MacDonald, Jr., Esquire, General Counsel, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, 1904 Holly Lane, Tampa, Florida 33629.

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